

The FCC must reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" so that it can keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.

Without vital Net Neutrality protections and the ability to enforce them, the Internet will cease to be a public platform for free speech, equal opportunity, economic growth and innovation. Instead, companies like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, will decide whose voices are heard.

You still have the power to protect the public interest. Please stand with us and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day.

The Internet was always meant to be open, available, and free for all to use and express themselves. It is the backbone and the basis of modern-day communication. This is the '21st-Century'-version of letters written by hand and delivered through the mail. Imagine what it would be like if private companies (and/or whoever runs the mail. Which is currently the United States Postal Service) controlled our mail, and opened our letters and read them and then decided which ones get sent and which ones don't. Not only would it mean that a lot of our letters wouldn't get sent to our friends, family, relatives, coworkers, loved ones, long-distance loved ones, etc, but also, it would be the end of privacy, the end of freedom of expression and freedom of speech (America was founded upon the principles of Free Speech. remember that), and pretty much the end of being able to communicate to each other how we want, when we want, and however we want. (And that would literally be like if someone were to put duct-tape in our mouths in-real-life and then tie our hands behind our backs).

Private companies CANNOT be allowed to have reign over the Internet, whether it be "free" reign or "controlled" reign or "regulated" reign or whatnot. And they can't because they wouldn't be looking out for the interests of the people (ie. customers) that use their services (just like the Medical industry, Insurance industry, Banking industry, Healthcare industry, etc, isn't looking out for the welfare of the people, but rather, the welfare of their own pockets!). They will be looking out for the welfare of THEIR OWN POCKETS, AND, they will be looking out (just as they are now) for new ways to make more profits, and, to keep existing profits UP (my father studied Marketing in college and he taught me a lot. And I studied Computer Engineering. I know how it works). We CANNOT let this happen! It will be unethical, it will be immoral, it will be morally wrong, it will be illegal in several ways, and we cannot continue to let big companies with big amounts of money push us around! , while the little-guy cannot express himself even through the Internet anymore because the big companies want to take over that too.

I still remember when one of the originators and creators of the World Wide Web was being

interviewed, and this was a live interview on TV when I was watching it, and the interviewer asked him why he made the Internet Protocol and Transmission-Control-Protocol (TCP) 'free', and he said pretty much the same reasons everyone supporting "net neutrality" (myself included), and myself in this letter to you, are saying right now.

"Net Neutrality" is also necessary because, exactly what it says in its namesake: "Internet NEUTRALITY". The companies that provide us with Internet access (ie. "Internet service providers" or "ISP's") CANNOT be playing favorites and/or saying, deciding, and/or judging, what content will the Internet users be able to access and which ones they WON'T be able to access. Because then what's the point of having Internet? What's the point of having Internet so I can use the World Wide Web, if I won't be able to have access to the World Wide Web because the companies will be restricting it? What's the point of having Internet so I can use electronic mail (ie. e-mail) if the companies will be restricting it? What's the point of having Internet so I can use Gopher, Telnet, Internet Relay Chat (ie. IRC), or FTP (ie. File Transfer Protocol), or Usenet, and anything else the Internet has to offer, if the companies will be restricting that? What's the point of having "Broadband"-speed !!

Internet-access so that you can navigate the World Wide Web more easily and faster (and spend less time waiting for a website to load. Especially those really "heavy" websites that now use Flash, HTML5, Java, and those other "graphics-intensive" technologies that you didn't see in the days when the World Wide Web was still pretty new and "just starting"); so that you can download your 500-or-so e-mail messages much faster (remember that all e-mail software programs now automatically "check for new e-mail messages" by default, and if you have 500 or so e-mail messages, you will be waiting for the e-mail program to download all 500 e-mail messages before the e-mail program will let you start doing anything else on the e-mail program. It doesn't matter if the program is Eudora, Thunderbird, Outlook, Outlook Express, or any other program. You will still be in that situation. And it will be even worse if you have slower Internet than what you currently are using); so that you can! multi-task on the Internet and therefore get more things DONE!

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amount of time than if you were if you were using a slower Internet (such as dial-up) and could only afford to do say 1 or 2 things at a time (because that is all your computer's Internet-speed, combined with your amount of hard-drive RPMs and your available RAM-size, will allow without it locking up or freezing); so that you can communicate via Telnet or IRC (Internet Relay Chat) or Usenet without lags or "wait times", so that you can hear the radio as your uncle would hear it in Dallas or your parents would hear it in Panama City [Republic of] Panama [in the Panama Canal Zone (U.S.-government territory)] or your aunt hears it in Tampa or your cousin hears it in Los Angeles California even though you live in Orlando and you're accessing the radio through the Internet; so that you can watch a "live-action" tv-show or movie, "live", or watch an interview live, even if you can't afford to be there at the place where the convention is being held or the movie is being filmed or!

performed at; so that you can communicate with your loved-ones on webcam in real-time and not have lags or anything on the video-feed; for this and many other reasons the Internet should [and

must] remain neutral and unbiased and the companies that provide us with Internet access should invest in increasing their bandwidth and improving their networks with the huge profits they already have instead of whining and say "we don't have enough money", "we can't handle our networks", "we can't handle our users", "there's too much users", and other excuses like that. Imagine what your parents would say when you were in school and you were making excuses like that. "I can't do it", "I can't handle it", "it's too rough", "it's too much". You wouldn't have been able to pass school if you quit on yourself like that. The ISPs need to understand that the Internet **MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL AND UNBIASED** and that they should invest in growing their networks and networks' capabilities instead of!

whining and complaining that "their network isn't fast enough!

, it can

't handle so many users" and all the other lame excuses they are coming up with, just so that they don't have to build up their networks further than what they currently are. Imagine if that had happened in the early past to not-so-distant past. Imagine if the ISPs had stayed with that mentality and said "we can't do it. it's too much. there's too many users". We would have stayed with dial-up Internet our whole lives. We would have NEVER, EVER, developed "Broadband"-speed Internet. Heck, we most likely wouldn't even have Wireless-Fidelity (ie. WiFi) today! Just imagine that. If the Internet companies and those RESPONSIBLE for developing newer technologies and helping the country actually develop and grow, didn't and just kept on with their lame excuses, we'd be so far behind that we wouldn't even know what "moving forward" is anymore, and we'd be moving backwards so much and so fast that we'd start to think it was normal and that "we are moving in the right direction"!!

It is YOUR responsibility as FCC Chairman that you do what is responsible and morally right and correct and keep the Internet unbiased and neutral and away from domination, control, and manipulation, by the Internet companies and by anyone else who might endanger what the Internet was designed from the get-go as: an unbiased and neutral and "does not play favorites [with anyone]" means of communication and information.

Please, Mr. Genachowski, please, don't take the unbiased and neutral and available-to-all Internet away from Humankind. Please...

Sincerely,

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